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## Pakistan okays 15 prisoners' release

By Shahid Orakzai  
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, March 8 — Pakistan government Sunday offered to release 15 of the 92 prisoners as a concession to the three hijackers who are holding 112 passengers as hostage on a hijacked PIA Boeing at Kahul airport for the past six days but declared that it would not submit to such "political blackmail".

"No government can run under pistol point," Defense Secretary Maj. Gen. Rahim Khan told a press crowd at the defense ministry here. He said all the 92 prisoners, whose release had been demanded by the hijackers, had "substantive criminal charges" against them but in 15 cases the government was ready to take a lenient view for the safety of the hostages.

He criticized the Western media for describing the 92 persons in question as "political prisoners" and said this amounted to endorsing the hijackers' view. He said the Pakistani negotiating team at Kabul which had spent the day at the Afghan ministry of defense and foreign affairs had been conveyed the government's latest offer.

At Kabul, the three hijackers had extended their dead line by 24 hours which expired at 3 p.m. Kabul time Sunday, after which they have threatened to kill the passengers one by one. Their first victim was a Pakistani diplomat who was shot Friday and his body was thrown out of the plane to die in hospital several hours later.

Defense secretary disclosed that in spite of the tension of 144-hours, the three hijackers were reported fresh and fit and were being provided with all facilities. Quoting a Muslim ambassador who met the leader of the hijackers Saturday at the door of the plane, the official said "the hijacker looked so fresh as if he had just landed."

He said the hijackers were now armed with weapons like sub machine gun which they could not have carried at the time of boarding the plane. They had also cleared the first-class compartment of the plane where they received visiting Afghan officials, he alleged.

An airline official who was part of the negotiating team and had now returned from Kabul told pressmen the Afghan officials refused the negotiating team a direct contact with the hijacker.

He said that even the wireless talk with hijackers was delayed for hours together and Friday the Pakistani officials were taken to airport tower just seven minutes before the lead line by the hijackers was to expire.

## Saud opens roundtable conference

By Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, March 8 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal Sunday set the stage for a three-day seminar on business practices in Saudi Arabia.

In an opening address to the roundtable conference on economic and industrial development the minister briefed international businessmen on the relationship of foreign policies and development followed by the government of Saudi Arabia.

The prince spoke to more than 100 leading businessmen from 33 nations on the government's support of the Palestinian problem and the condemnation of Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The minister, who also discussed the Kingdom's policies over a number of world issues, explained how these problems effect economic progress and stability of the region as a whole.

After the opening, an address read on behalf of Finance and Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al Khail said that the Kingdom has made a record achievement of economic development in the last ten years.

The roundtable conference is sponsored by the Ministry of Finance and Economy and organized by the Business International, a New York-based organization, which publishes *Business International* and *Business Europe*, two weekly reports which specialize in world economies.

## British strikes to cripple flights

LONDON, March 8 (R) — British air space will close Monday together with unemployment and social security offices, and Buckingham Palace, London residence of Queen Elizabeth, may be picketed when 530,000 civil servants go on strike for a day, their union says.

The strike is a direct challenge to Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's plan not to meet their pay demands in her battle against inflation.

Air traffic controllers, port workers, tax collectors, customs officers and court clerks are among government workers who want a 15 per cent on average pay of £5,000 a year. They have rejected a 10 per cent offer. A union spokesman called Monday's action an unprecedented display of unity by the nine civil service unions.

A pause in tax collecting is expected to be the biggest hardship for the government. But tens of thousands of air travelers will be harder hit. On a normal weekday, about 2,500 aircraft use British air space.

The strike comes on the eve of the government's annual budget. Mrs. Thatcher largely blames excessive pay increases for inflation. A civil service union spokesman said: "The reason for this dispute is profound bitterness over the loss of morale among civil servants because of continuing government attempts to make them the scapegoats for Britain's economic ills."

The union says civil service pay has fallen badly behind that of workers in private industry. Pickets may be posted around Buckingham Palace to publicize the unions' case, but palace workers have been exempted from striking by their union, a palace spokesman said.

## World businessmen hear politico-economic policies

The policy of the government, which adheres to the concept of free economy, is to sell shares in state-initiated projects in which the private sector cannot undertake, he said.

The result of such a policy is a real national growth of about 25 per cent annually, the minister added.

This growth was possible because of "priority changes" and not solely because of budgetary increases which averaged 32 per cent a year, the minister said.

Worth mentioning he said is the increase in allocations to develop economic resources. The figure rose from 14 per cent in the first five-year development plan to 22 in the second and 33 in the current plan.

Aha Al-Khail said that these allocations and expenditures resulted in a large absorption ability for the Saudi Arabian economy. He said it is difficult to find definitions for the power of absorption, but what needs emphasis is that the private sector has contributed a major share to the national income.

The real development of the private sector indicates that the absorption power was not a problem at any time. Aha Al-Khail stressed.

He said that the Kingdom's imports of capital goods also increased sharply, by 36 per cent, between 1969 and 1979. However, part of the increase could be attributed to inflation in industrialized countries.

Referring to fields where the public and private sector are involved, Aha Al-Khail said that government spending resulted in a large increase for demand which in turn led to higher profits for the private sector. With that, the private sector boosted its production, he added.

The state's concentration on infrastructure expenditure also increased the power of economic absorption in general, and created new investment fields for the private sector.

The minister reaffirmed that the government provides direct assistance and easy-term loans to the private sector through various programs. The state provided the

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COMMANDO GLIDER: Police inspect a motorized hang glider used by a Palestinian commando who slipped across the northern Israeli border. The aircraft pilot later landed and was captured by security forces.

## In South Lebanon U.S. group starts TV station

BEIRUT, March 8 (Agencies) — A private television station, financed and run by a U.S. Christian group, Sunday began broadcasting from the part of southern Lebanon controlled by Israeli-backed Christian militias.

The Evangelical group, known as "High Adventure," based in California, and already runs a radio station called "the Voice of Home" in the area. It supports the right-wing militias under Maj. Saad Haddad and is strongly anti-Palestinian.

The television station, which all viewers in Lebanon and most in Israel will be able to pick up when comes into full operation in about six weeks, a station spokesman said. Meanwhile it is broadcasting slides and test pictures.

The spokesman said the station would offer a news service and a Western film every evening and children's programs during the day.

Last year the American Evangelist George Otis started the high-power radio station midway between the southern Lebanese village of Marjayoun and the Israeli border settlement of Metullah.

Broadcasts from Marjayoun, even on medium power, can easily cover the whole of Lebanon quite effectively.

Otis, of Van Nuys, California is using his "Radio Outreach" to "bring people to people without government interference."

The "born again" Californian belongs to the so-called "fundamentalist" group of Christians — the Assemblies of God in America, the Elmhurst Church in England and Ireland, the Church of God on both sides of the Atlantic and many others, all of which hold as fundamental to their statement of faith the alleged legitimacy of the Jewish occupation of Palestine as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

Many fundamentalist Churches in Europe and the United States take "offerings" at their meetings for "the work" in Israel.

The "Radio Outreach" idea is not new to the Middle East. For many years Radio Voice of the Gospel has broadcast to Africa and the

Mediterranean from Ethiopia. Similarly Trans World Radio, based in Monte Carlo, has dominated the Mediterranean airwaves, with scheduled religious broadcasts.

The transmitters, studios, staff and program production at these stations are all financed by contributions from "devout" listeners and from the sale of "Christian" literature in Europe, Asia and the U.S.

In 1965, another Californian and well-known "charismatic" Evangelist, Bobbie Dean Hoskins, applied in Lebanon for permission to operate a radio and television station for the purpose of religious broadcasting.

Following representations from Muslim opposition quarters in the Lebanese parliament, the license was revoked before broadcasts began. Hoskins then reverted to the establishment of a nebulous organization called Middle East Outreach for which he raised large sums of money in the United States by claiming highly exaggerated figures for Muslim conversions to Christianity.

Hoskins' original plans for a religious broadcasting station had the blessing and financial support of the largest fundamentalist church in the United States — the Assemblies of God, which has an extensive media headquarters in Springfield, Missouri.

The Assemblies of God is under the direction and management of Dr. Thomas Zimmerman, an aging preacher known to have strong Zionist sympathies.

The Palestine Liberation Organization knew of Hoskins' and his church's support for Israel and brought this to the notice of the Lebanese authorities.

Hoskins and a number of his followers were forced to leave Beirut in 1974. He now operates a fund-raising operation from offices in Nice, France.

No one should be under any illusion about the aims, in the Middle East, of the so-called fundamental, Pentecostal, charismatic, and born-again movements.

Members of their churches throughout the world are totally convinced of the "lawful" Jewish claim to Palestine and their "divine right" to be there.

## Khalkhali cries treason Trial requested for Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, March 8 (R) — Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, the former head of Iran's revolutionary tribunals, Sunday demanded that President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr be put on trial for his role in violent incidents at a mass rally last Thursday.

Ayatollah Khalkhali, who has ordered several hundred executions since the revolution told the Iranian Majlis (parliament) that Bani-Sadr had violated the constitution by ordering his supporters at the rally to move against hecklers.

"There is no doubt, in my opinion that the president has committed treason against constitutional law and therefore must be tried," he said.

Ayatollah Khalkhali was the first head of the revolutionary tribunal after the Islamic revolution which swept the Shah from power two years ago. He later became chief of the government's anti-narcotics drive, a post from which he resigned last year after ordering several hundred executions.

Khalkhali's demand for a trial was the harshest reaction so far in a growing row over the fray at Tehran University, attended by an estimated 100,000 supporters of the president.

## Lebanon, Iraq sign oil pact

BEIRUT, March 8, (R) — Lebanese Minister Muhammad Youssef Beydoun Sunday he had initiated an agreement allowing Iraq to resume oil exports from the Lebanese port of Tripoli.

Beydoun told reporters on his return from Baghdad, where he held talks this week with Iraqi oil minister Taha Abdul-Karim, that the pumping of oil through the Lebanese branch of the Iraq-Syria pipeline would start three weeks after the agreement was ratified by both sides.

He declined to give details of the agreement and there was no indication of when it would be ratified.

Oil industry sources said the agreement provided for the export of between 10 and 20 million tons (73 and 146 million barrels) of oil annually through Tripoli.

Pumping through the Syrian section of the pipeline from the Iraqi oil center of Kirkuk to the Mediterranean port of Banias resumed late last month after being halted by the Gulf war.

Until then Iraq had been relying on a pipeline across Turkey to send its oil overseas after its main terminals in the Gulf were closed at the start of the war with Iran in September.

The Lebanese branch of the trans-Syria pipeline had been out of use for the past five years. Under the new agreement Lebanon would import about 1.75 million tons of oil annually from Iraq, the sources said, but they gave no details of prices.

## Fresh Gulf bid set

BEIRUT, March 8 (R) — A leading Palestinian representative will visit Tehran and Baghdad in the next few days for follow-up talks on Islamic attempts to end the Gulf war, Palestinian sources said.

His trip would precede a new series of visits to Iran and Iraq by an Islamic mediation committee, convened at foreign ministers' level, they said.

A top-level Islamic committee, which included four presidents and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat, announced last week a set of proposals for ending the five-month-old war, but there was a cool response from both sides.

Iranian leaders demanded that Iraq be named the aggressor and punished. President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said a ceasefire should be simultaneous with an Iraqi withdrawal. The committee had proposed March 12 ceasefire followed by a withdrawal.

Iraq said it would not withdraw from Iranian territory until Iran recognized Iraqi "rights," including full sovereignty over the disputed Shatt Al-Arah waterway dividing the two countries.

Saturday night both sides reported an upsurge in fighting. Despite this and the apparent rebuff of the Islamic committee's proposals, the Palestinian sources said they were still optimistic that the mediation effort could produce results.

They said that though Iran and Iraq had rejected the proposals so far, both countries accepted the principle of the mediation attempt.

The Palestinian representative would probably be Hani Al-Hash, political adviser to Arafat and a member of the executive committee of the biggest Palestinian command organization, Fatah. He is also the former Palestinian representative in Tehran.

The sources said the foreign ministers of the seven Islamic states involved in the mediation would form three committees together with the PLO.

## Mrs. Bhutto arrested

ISLAMABAD, March 8 (Agencies) — Nusrat Bhutto, wife of executed former Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was arrested and jailed in the central prison of Karachi in an overnight wave of detentions of political militants, informed sources here said Sunday.

Initial reports indicated that police had arrested about 30 militants of organizations and the banned Pakistan People's Party (PPP), led by Mrs. Bhutto and her daughter Benazir.

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**Abdo Yamani reaffirms**

**Gulf can stand independently**

JEDDAH, March 8 (SPA) — The Gulf region and its people must be kept away from international rivalries and alliances in order to remain a zone of peace and stability, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Sunday.

"We reject anybody's mandate and do not believe in pacts and alliances," he added. Yamani said the Western powers must realize that the leaders and the people of the region mean what they say and that they will not permit the stationing of any foreign troops in this area and will refuse any foreign military bases here.

"Although we have good and friendly rela-

tions with many countries, it does not mean that we shall welcome foreign troops and interference in our internal affairs," he added.

He did not pay much attention to the statements made recently by the British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who was quoted as saying Britain is willing to participate in a "fire brigade" operation in the Gulf with the United States by supplying naval ships for patrol purposes.

Yamani said the meeting of Gulf foreign ministers which is to open in Muscat, Oman, Monday indicated the sense of responsibility of the states involved and their willingness

and readiness to continue strengthening their bonds of coordination and cooperation. "This will enable us to talk with one voice and use one language," he said.

The meeting was arranged by the leaders of the six Gulf states which include the Kingdom, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. A council for cooperation was formed to coordinate internal external policies.

A conference of deputy information ministers and other media experts from the six states has been meeting in Muscat to prepare the ground for a meeting of information ministers due to be held there Tuesday and Wednesday.

Oman's Information Minister Abdul Aziz Al Rawas described the cooperation council as the basic vehicle for cooperation in all walks of life — including keeping the region away from foreign intervention and international rivalries.

Meanwhile it was announced that the board of the Arab Gulf chambers of commerce will meet in Dammam Wednesday to discuss its role in light of the cooperation council, the standardization of postal, telegraphic and civil aviation services in the region, the formation of an arbitration committee and other matters.

**Committee studies Dhahran airport**

DHAHRAN, March 8 (SPA) — The Civil Aviation Department formed a committee that will study the needs of Dhahran International Airport, officials reported Sunday. The committee intends to improve the airport by constructing additional facilities.

Sami Magboul, acting director of Dhahran airport, said an eastern runway for the airport is already under construction. Landing safety equipment also was installed. The device is required aviation safety equipment, and other airports in the Kingdom have it, Magboul added.

The Dhahran Airport Directorate is undergoing a study to build new departure and arrival lounges for internal flights. The proposed building will be adjacent to the international arrival and departure lounges, Magboul said.

In the next four months, work on the air freight facilities will be completed, he said. The basic facilities, including hangers for foreign airlines, have already been finished, he added.

In another development, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan earlier delegated most of his administrative and financial powers to his aide Sheikh Kamel Sindi, assistant defense minister of civil aviation affairs, and Sheikh Othman Al-Humeidi, responsible for military affairs.



VISIT: Saudi Telephone's "out of Country" Training program, in its third year, will send more than 100 managers to Canada for advanced telecommunications courses. The group includes Misfer Dabiel Al Ja'led, Taif; Ali Muhammad Boken, Taif; Adnan Ibrahim Farhat, Taif; Bader Abdul Al Srwayyegh, Al Hasa; Ibrahim Saleh Al Mehanna, Hail; Abdurahman Ibrahim Al Saied, Qassim; Mased Ali Al Zahran, Central; Muhammad Omar Al Farraj, Central; Abdullah Al Hafiz, Central; Abdurahman Al Mashari, Riyadh; Ahmed Fahed Al Khayyal, Al Hasa; and Talaq Ryiedh Al Qatani, general administration.

**Telephone managers head to Canada**

RIYADH, March 8 — Twelve of Saudi Telephone's most promising managers have recently completed an orientation course designed to prepare them for their imminent tour of communications facilities overseas.

The dozen managers will be sent on a four-

week study course of Bell Canada operations, as part of Saudi Telephone's comprehensive program to train managers with high potential, the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones reported.

These Saudi Telephone managers, from all

parts of the Kingdom, will be united overseas in their commitment to the modernization of the Kingdom's telecommunications system. Their training program in Canada includes conferences, study sessions, work in the field, and management of Bell Canada offices, according to the PTT Ministry.

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**Yanbu projects reviewed**

YANBU, March 8 (SPA) — All present and future projects in Tabuk and those carried out by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu came under review here Saturday at a meeting between Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid bin Abdul Aziz and Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer. Sheikh Hisham arrived here in the morning. At noon, he gave a lunch in honor of Prince Abdul Majid to which he also invited Yanbu Governor Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi and other senior officials.

**Solaim to visit Tokyo**

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim flies to Tokyo Thursday on a five-day official visit to Japan at the invitation of Roko Suk Tanaka, the minister of international trade and industry. Dr. Solaim will be accompanied by Tewfiq Ibrahim Tewfiq, his undersecretary for supply; Dr. Khaled Al-Khalaf, director general of the Arab Standardization Organization; and other officials from the Ministry of Commerce.

**Information meetings resume**

MUSCAT, March 8 (SPA) — A committee of information experts from Gulf countries resumed meetings here Saturday and recommended that a Qatari proposal to publish a survey on the area's folkloric heritage be approved.

**Race scheduled**

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — The 18th horse racing event of the season organized by Al-Ferrouseya Club will be held at Al-Malaz race track Monday. Prizes for the five races total SR62,000.

**Koran reading seminar**

MECCA, March 8 (SPA) — Western Province Education Director Dr. Abdullah Muhammad Al-Zaid opened at the Intercontinental Hotel here Saturday evening the first seminar on the teaching of the Holy Koran to beginners. He was acting on behalf of Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter. The seminar is jointly organized by the Saudi government and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO). Prominent Muslim scholars will examine papers by Arab governments on the teaching of the Holy Koran in their respective countries.

**Moroccan delegation visits**

JEDDAH, March 8 (SPA) — A Moroccan delegation led by Dr. Abdul Karim, professor at Muhammad V university in Rabat left for home Saturday at the conclusion of a two-week visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of the Youth Welfare Organization. The delegation was made up of university professors, medical doctors and representatives of the Islamic Solidarity Organization and the Ministry of Youth and Sports. It visited Riyadh, Qasim, Medina and Mecca.

**Jazaeri returns from Tunisia visit**

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri returned to Riyadh Sunday from Tunisia after a few days' visit. Dr. Jazaeri held talks with Tunisian officials which covered health cooperation bet-

ween Saudi Arabia and Tunisia and ways of promoting these relations further. The minister was seen off at airport by his Tunisian counterpart, Rashid Safar, and the Kingdom's ambassador there, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Umran.



OPENING: Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi cuts the ribbon Saturday at the stairs leading to the seven-floor department store, Al-Sawani. Seen from right are Osman Ali Hafiz, Sheikh Ali Hafiz, Mahmoud O. Hafiz, Maynr Farsi and Abdul Khader O. Hafiz. The total value of goods stocked in Al Sawani is estimated at SR 25 million, according to the general manager. A cafeteria, which will come up in a month's time on the seventh floor, has a dome with a 12-meter radius.

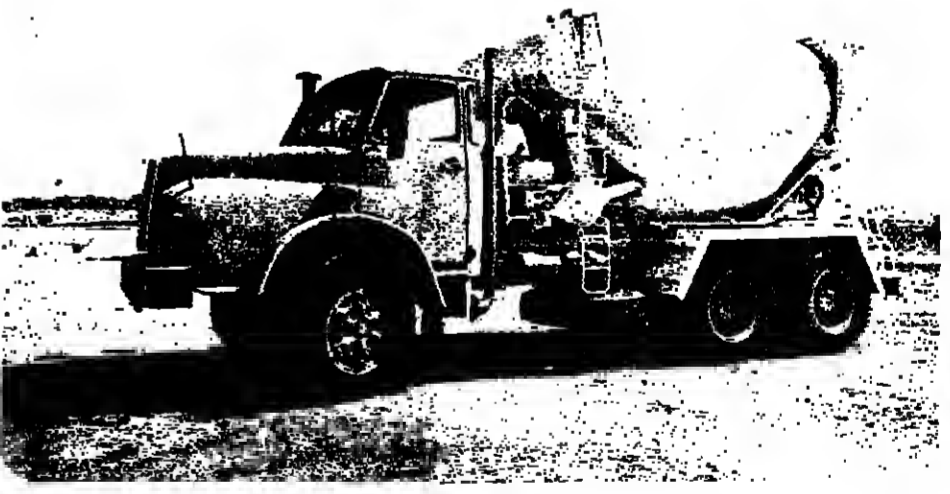
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Mutual help in crisis

# South Yemen-Ethiopia agreement reported

BEIRUT, March 8 (AP) — The governments of South Yemen and Ethiopia, which command the strategic Bab El-Mandeb Straits at the mouth of the Red Sea, have signed a pact calling for military intervention in the event of a threat to either regime, a

## Sabah cabinet sworn in

KUWAIT, March 8 (AP) — Kuwait's newly-formed cabinet was sworn in Saturday before Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the minister of state for cabinet affairs announced.

Minister Abdul-Aziz Hussein said the 16-member cabinet which was formed March 4 also held a preparatory session for the opening of the country's newly-elected 50-member national assembly (parliament) scheduled for Monday.

Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, who formed the cabinet, welcomed the cabinet members and "stressed the importance of cooperation between executive and legislature" as represented by the new national assembly, Hussein said.

## U.S. guarantee on borders

# Turkey terms Greek plea illogical

ANKARA, March 8 (R) — Turkey has described as illogical Greek suggestions that the United States guarantee the security of Greece's borders in the Aegean. A foreign ministry statement Saturday said: "It is quite illogical for one of two members of an alliance to ask for guarantees against the other from a third alliance member."

Both countries, though historic enemies, are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis told reporters in Athens Friday his country was seeking guarantees of its Aegean borders by the U.S. as part of discussions on a new agreement covering American bases in Greece.

## Sadat rules out talks before June

CAIRO, March 8 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has ruled out new negotiations on Palestinian autonomy before Israeli elections June 30 but said he welcomed any EEC initiative on the Middle East problem.

The talks with Israel and the United States were due for completion in May 1980. But disputes over Israel's formal annexation of East Jerusalem and the amount of autonomy to be given to Gaza Strip and West Bank Palestinians have held up progress.

Sadat said negotiations would resume after the Israeli elections, which would also give

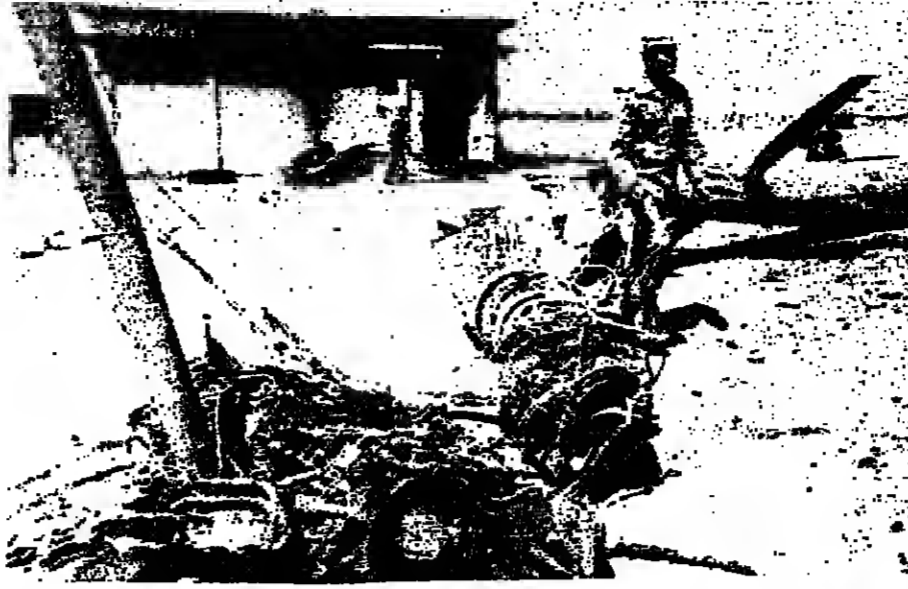
pro-Libyan magazine reports.

South Yemen have long-term friendship treaties with the Soviet Union, and they concluded a bilateral friendship treaty in 1979.

*Al-Maoukif Al-Arabi*, (The Arab Stand), a weekly magazine, said South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad and Ethiopian leader Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam "signed a number of agreements with highly significant political, military and security implications" during the South Yemeni leader's visit to Addis Ababa last month.

The magazine said in the military pact "each of the two countries pledged to intervene militarily in the other in the event of danger to the existing regimes." It also calls for "military integration" in the sense that naval and ground forces will be shared in event of either country's need, the magazine said.

*Al-Maoukif Al-Arabi* said the military pact was "a direct response to the growing American military presence in Somalia and Oman, and a direct reply to attempts at isolating South Yemen."



AMIDST WRECKAGE: An Egyptian officer walks around the wreckage of the helicopter which crashed recently killing the Egyptian Defense Minister Ahmad Badawi and 13 other top army officers. Badawi and the officers were on a tour of the western military installations.

# Israeli encroachments separate Naqura from south Lebanon

NAQURA, Southern Lebanon, March 8 (AFP) — This frontier town, where the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has its headquarters, is slowly but surely being separated from the country itself by the encroaching Israeli neighbor.

After Israel invaded southern Lebanon in 1978, it gave an 800-square-km frontier strip here to the Lebanese conservative force commanded by Maj. Saad Haddad — a force at odds with the Beirut government as well as a foe of the Arab cause. To the extent that the Israelis have full freedom of movement in the strip, the land from Naqura up to Marjayoun 60 kms to the north-east has come to be a de facto annex slice of Israel.

At the same, between here and the seaport of Tyre to the west, Maj. Haddad's men have been continually nibbling into Lebanese territory proper to widen the zone in their control. They have a checkpoint on the coast road at Ras Al-Bayada, a mere 12 kms from Tyre itself, and have lately moved up a second mobile checkpoint five kms nearer, just a few short steps away from the Dutch-manned UNIFIL checkpoint.

The main checkpoint is manned by an Israeli official whose uniform bears no identifying insignia, while members of Maj. Haddad's force cover travelers crossing to and from Israel with their guns. The official demarcation line is just a short distance away and considerably easier to slip across. Most of the international civil servants at UNIFIL headquarters are billeted at Nahariyyah, a quarter of an hour's ride from here on the Israeli side of the frontier. Similarly, the H.Q. gets its supplies from across the way, judging by an Israeli tradesman's van that this corres-



pondent observed here Thursday.

Thursday saw the withdrawal of the 6th French contingent after its tour of UNIFIL duty here. Curiously enough, the Israeli army was represented at the farewell ceremony by a colonel, a captain, and a lieutenant — all three in uniform, and consequently in open violation of elementary international protocol.

On the other hand, the army of the "host" country, Lebanon, was not represented at the ceremony, though an invitation was sent. The excuse was that the visitors would have to risk crossing the territory held by Maj. Haddad's rebels — short of overflying it in a U.N. helicopter, a solution that was apparently deemed unrealistic.

The prospect of crossing the zone was all the less inviting since the army owes the Haddad force many months of back pay, a claim the rebels have been drawing attention in recent days by shelling the port of Sidon. Watching Thursday's March past of the 700 departing French paratroopers and their light armoured vehicles, a member of another foreign contingent in UNIFIL remarked: "What the hell are we doing here if we're not even capable of getting the Lebanese in to see the show?"

## Zia wants scholars' views implemented

ISLAMABAD, March 8 (AFP) — President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has suggested setting up an agency for implementation of proposals of Muslim scholars for future development and progress of the Islamic world.

Inaugurating the international conference on "Contribution of Islam to Culture and Civilization of mankind," Zia said a large number of important proposals have come up during recent conferences held in the Islamic countries, in connection with the 15th century Hijra celebrations. The conference is being attended by over 200 scholars from 35 Muslim countries.

He suggested that a permanent agency should be set up which should prepare an action plan based on the thoughts and proposals put forward on different occasions, and implement them. The president said, on the basis of spiritual and moral values, "the Islamic world should concentrate on material progress which was not an impossible task since "God almighty has bestowed these nations with so many minerals, agricultural, human and other resources," that if Muslims as "individuals of a single brotherhood" work together, there is no reason why in the present century, they should not be able to reach their goal.

## BRIEFS

DAMASCUS, (AFP) — Libyan envoy Mustapha Kharubi arrived here Saturday night to continue talks on the political merger that was proclaimed by Libya and Syria six months ago but remains un consummated. Maj. Kharubi was quoted by Syrian newspapers Sunday as reaffirming Libya's "determination to bring about a union that will satisfy both countries."

ROME, (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had a private lunch with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo Saturday, an Israeli embassy spokesman said. He did not have details of what the two ministers discussed.

ANTANANARIVO, (AFP) — President Didier Ratsiraka's Malagasy Front for the Defense of the Revolution and Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front signed a cooperation agreement here Saturday. The Algerian delegation, which had arrived in Madagascar Tuesday, then left for the Seychelles.

# Stick wielding groups pose problem in Iran

By Ian Mather

TEHRAN, March 8 (ONS) — An epidemic of "stick wielding" is disturbing Iran's revolutionary leaders. The "stick wielders" are groups of youths who walk into political meetings with wooden clubs, beat up the speakers and smash their cars.

The attacks have grown so common in recent weeks that hardly a day goes by without the newspapers referring to them and condemning them. The most recent victim was Ayatollah Hassan Lahouti, a member of the Majlis (parliament) and one of the few Muslim clergymen who support President Bani-Sadr and the so-called moderates. Lahouti was addressing a gathering in a mosque in the northern Iranian city of Rasht when the "stick wielders" arrived, beat up the Ayatollah and his wife, held them prisoner for several hours and smashed their car.

The attack outraged Bani-Sadr supporters who claimed the government and the police knew the culprits but were not prepared to act against them because the fundamentalist Islamic Republic Party, which controls most of the organs of state, was envious of the vast crowds which regularly flock to meetings of Bani-Sadr supporters.

The anger of the Bani-Sadr group was intensified by the fact that Lahouti's revolutionary credentials are impeccable. He was imprisoned for many years by the Shah's administration and tortured. He is now in hospital for check-ups.

The Rasht incident was not an isolated one. Lahouti was also attacked in the nearby town of Kucheshafan. In other towns, "stick wielders" have burnt libraries, dragged sick people from hospital, desecrated mosques and attacked "liberal" members of the Majlis.

Behind the attacks lies the increasing polarization of Iranian politics. The presence of the American hostages and the war with Iraq served to unite the country in the face of external enemies. Now that the hostages have gone and the war is stalemated, the internal dissent has intensified.

The Islamic Republic Party, headed by Ayatollah Beheshti, chairman of the supreme court of justice, has a firm grip on parliament through the speaker, who is a party member and by having the highest single block of members. It also controls the cabinet and the administration, except for the ministries of foreign affairs, commerce and finance, which are run by Bani-Sadr supporters. The IRP also controls the Islamic courts.

Bani-Sadr's power centers on the armed forces, of which he is commander-in-chief, and on the streets. His popularity derives from his swashbuckling appearances near the front, where he spends most of his time. His newspaper, *Islamic Revolution*, shows pictures of him riding a motor-cycle and braving enemy shells. The two main factions are now stepping up their campaigns. IRP speakers have begun to advertise their meetings to try to draw the crowds.

In a statement condemning the "stick wielders", the president's office recently demanded to know what action the government was taking to protect speakers. Ayatollah Khomeini's son, Ahmed, in a long letter to the Majlis, called for an end to the extremist-inspired violence, saying Islam was in danger and that "tomorrow it will be too late."

Finally, Monday, Khomeini himself lashed out at the "stick wielders". Addressing a crowd from the roof of his home in north Tehran, he called on the police and revolutionary guards to clamp down on the trouble-makers.

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Minister says

# Bonn will go ahead with arms programs

BONN, March 8 (Agencies) — Defense Minister Hans Apel has said West Germany will move ahead with its major weapons programs in the next few years but will also be forced to delay several projects planned for the next decade due to tight budgets.

Apel said Saturday no cuts are envisioned in the \$41.3 billion budget set for 1981. The military lacks, however, an additional \$1 billion over the next three years that still must be found to fund the military's major modernization programs, he said.

The programs set until 1984 call for the addition of 1,800 Leopard tanks, 322 Tornado fighter jets and six frigates. Although eight frigates had been planned at first, the production of two will be delayed until 1987, Apel said.

Speculation had risen recently that Apel might be forced to make cuts due to serious cost overruns in the production of the swing-wing Tornado fighter jet, jointly built by the British, Italians and West Germans.

# Colombian guerrillas kill linguist

BOGOTA, March 8 (AP) — Chester Allen Bitterman, 28-year-old American linguist, has been shot dead by the guerrillas who kidnapped him six weeks ago and his body was found in a stolen bus in southern Bogota, police said.

An institute official confirmed the death of Bitterman, who worked for the Summer Institute of Linguistics as a translator of the Bible into Colombian Indian dialects. Members of the M-19 guerrilla movement in Bogota on Jan. 19 kidnapped Bitterman, accused him of being a CIA spy and demanded the institute be closed.

Police said Bitterman's body was found Saturday in the bus after an unidentified woman caller telephoned radio stations, newspapers and the police saying that Bitterman had been "executed" and that his body could be found inside a bus in southern Bogota, the Colombian capital.

Police said it appeared that Bitterman had been killed inside the bus by shots fired by his kidnappers and in front of the vehicle's driver, who was bound and gagged, an M-19 flag was found near the bus, police said. There were conflicting radio reports quoting police sources saying that three men on the bus fled when police approached it.

Bitterman was shot once in the heart and his body remained in a sitting position in the front of the bus, an institute source was quoted as telling Radio Caracol. Bitterman was married and the father of two daughters. The April 19 movement guerrillas who executed Bitterman started off 10 years ago with Robin Hood type operations of robbing from the rich and giving to the poor. And no one got hurt.

# Manila troops capture Muslim stronghold

MANILA, March 8 (AP) — Army troops have captured a Muslim stronghold, and inflicted heavy casualties among Muslims in five days of fighting in southern Philippines, published reports said Saturday.

Scene of the battle was the remote southern island of Pata where 119 army officers and men were killed last month in the biggest ambush of the eight-year-old southern fighting for Muslim self-rule.

Military sources in Zamboanga city, headquarters of the southern command, said the military operation against an estimated 300 Muslims fighting for self-rule in Pata, 610 miles south of Manila, continued but its results were not disclosed.

# Child surgery fails in U.S. but mother still satisfied

DALLAS, Texas, March 8 (AP) — Doctors knew the chances were not good in amputating a two-year-old girl's crippled foot and using it to create a hand for her. And even though it failed, her mother is glad that the attempt was made.

Desiree Shiplett was born without hands. Her left leg was bowed and the left foot twisted backward. Doctors at Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children here recommended amputating the foot and fitting Desiree with a prosthesis.

But her mother, Pam Shiplett, 22, suggested what she called an "impossible dream" — why couldn't doctors take part of her daughter's foot and create a hand for her?

After six months of research, planning and consultation by surgeons, the operation — first of its kind — was performed Tuesday. But just two days later, the new hand had to be removed after tiny blood vessels clogged, blocking the blood flow. Both doctors and parents said they would do it all again.

"It broke the doctors' hearts as bad as it did ours," said Mrs. Shiplett. "I don't think there are very many people in this world that would put in that kind of effort and love for a child. To think they cared enough to try is more than enough." Desiree learned to crawl on her own but soon became frustrated when she tried to walk.

"The leg was very short and the foot was tucked up underneath, making it virtually unusable," said Dr. Tony Herring, chief of staff at Scottish Rite.

"I got to thinking, why let them chop the foot off and not do anything with it?" Mrs. Shiplett said. "I had heard that they had taken the big toes and made new thumbs for people. I wondered if they couldn't take the toes and make some fingers for Desiree."

Instead of just transplanting the toes, doctors decided to take the lower part of the foot and attach it to Desiree's right wrist. After surgery, the physicians were optimistic and pleased. In the recovery room, Desiree awakened and within minutes began to move the "thumb" of her new hand.

But by late Wednesday the new hand began to turn blue. Doctors performed emergency surgery to improve blood flow, but by Thursday it was evident it would have to be removed.

Dr. Hamlet Newsom said the doctors would not hesitate to try the operation again in the same circumstances. "No prosthesis is as good as a sensitive, moving part," he said. Desiree will be fitted with an artificial foot in about two months and, after therapy, she should be walking and running. "I hope someday she can understand what these people tried to do for her. I want her to understand the love and compassion they showed in trying."



VIENNA DEMONSTRATION: Youths staged an unruly demonstration in downtown Vienna March 1. Police arrested nearly 100 persons, including some West Germans. Police are seen here marching one of the arrested off.

# Discontented with life Youths march through Vienna

VIENNA, March 8 (R) — Some 1,000 youths marched through Vienna Saturday saying they were discontented with life in the sedate city. Police were out in force, following a surprise youth disturbance a few days ago when more than 90 persons were arrested.

Police reported that between 1,500 and 2,000 persons demonstrated in the Nuremberg city center Saturday afternoon. The protesters were angered that 141 persons had been arrested following violent street protests Friday in which dozens of bank, store and car windows had been shattered after a housing demonstration got out of hand.

Saturday's March was announced in advance by youth groups and passed without incident. The demonstrators distributed leaflets that said: "This town stinks, we want everything."

Demands included housing reform, free public transport, the establishment of a youth center in the city, disarmament and an end to U.S. and Soviet imperialism. The demonstrators called on the authorities to drop all charges against those arrested last week and to allow the return to Vienna of three West Germans, who were deported from Austria after the disturbances.

In an unrelated development, thousands of West German youths took to the streets Saturday in several cities to protest housing problems and the arrests of other demonstrators.

Officials said the Saturday demonstration was primarily peaceful and no arrests were made, even though several youths pelted police with plastic bags filled with paint. Police in West Berlin reported that as of Saturday, 109 houses had been taken over by squatters in the western sector of the divided city.

In the black forest university town of Freiburg, police said several thousand youths marched through the city center Saturday. Fearful of more violent demonstrations similar to those that have rocked the city over the past two days, shop owners did not open for their normal Saturday hours and many boarded up their windows, officials said.

# Peru, Ecuador troops separated on frontier

LIMA, March 8 (R) — The conflict between Peru and Ecuador has shifted to the diplomatic front after an effective separation of troops on their disputed frontier in the jungle-covered Condor mountains. The positioning of troops on opposite sides of the mountains, 250 kms from the Pacific coast, lifted the immediate threat of renewed incidents, diplomatic sources said.

exchange of notes in which each side stated its case on the dispute.

But the sources said Saturday the two countries were no nearer reaching agreement on the dispute than before the first outbreak of fighting at the end of January. There were further clashes in mid-February amid accusations from each side that the other had violated a tentative ceasefire.

A copy of each document was also handed to the mediating nations in their capacity as guarantors of the 1942 Protocol of Rio de Janeiro which defined the frontier. Commenting on the talks, the head of the Peruvian delegation, Vice Adm. Jorg du Bois, said the most important achievement was the effective separation of troops.

The ceasefire, originally arranged through the mediation of Chile, Argentina, the United States and Brazil, was formally agreed and the separation of forces assured in a week of talks between Peruvian and Ecuadorian military delegations. The negotiations culminated Saturday in an

"Our obligation is clear — not to leave the eastern side of the Condor mountains and not to confront the Ecuadorian troops who are on the western side," he told reporters Saturday night. But he added: "We (the delegations) did not enter into the heart of the problem considered at other levels."

The conflict, which dates back to the countries' formation as independent nations 150 years ago, has been kept alive by Ecuador's persistent claim to an area of the upper Amazon.

# Wildlife convention in India restricts trade in parrots

NEW DELHI, March 8 (AP) — An international wildlife convention here has crushed U.S. opposition to a move to impose restrictions on commercial trade on most parrot breeds. A spokesman told a reporter that an ongoing meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Saturday voted 32-4 for a British proposal to either ban or restrict worldwide trade in about 350 parrot species.

meeting concludes Sunday. The convention overcame Soviet and Japanese opposition Friday to ban the slaughter of three whale species, the sperm, sei and fin.

An alternative U.S. proposal to place bars on the trade of only 13 parrot species was defeated. The American delegation opposed the British move with support from Switzerland, Chile and Argentina.

However, Russia and Japan, the world's major whaling nations, are not bound by the decision since they voted against it.

Three species which, however, will not be covered by the CITES decision are the Indian rosering parakeet, the budgerigar and the cockatiel, which spokesman Jant Barber described as "exceedingly common." These three species are mostly used as household pets.

CITES, which was launched in 1973 in Washington, is a convention of 67 governments which agree on the need to preserve wildlife.

It seeks to harmonize the needs of commercial wildlife trade in skins, furs and oil with the demands of conservation so that entire species are not wiped out.

The New Delhi conference, which began Feb. 25, is studying flora and fauna species which should be listed as endangered. The

# Elephant runs amok in Bangkok suburbs

BANGKOK, March 8 (AFP) — Khamsaeng, a visitor to Bangkok, had a smashing time Saturday in the Thai capital. He left a 500-meter trail of destruction in the suburbs that was littered with broken cement walls, buckled gates, shattered jars and one crumpled roof. For Khamsaeng weighs several tons. He is a 40-year-old bull elephant.

Khamsaeng — the name means "golden light" — was trucked into Bangkok a week ago from the northern province of Surin. His owner-mahout, Pann Sungma, brought him to town to make a little money. The superstition in Thailand is that walking under the belly of an elephant brings good luck. Pann was charging a small fee for the chance to prove it.

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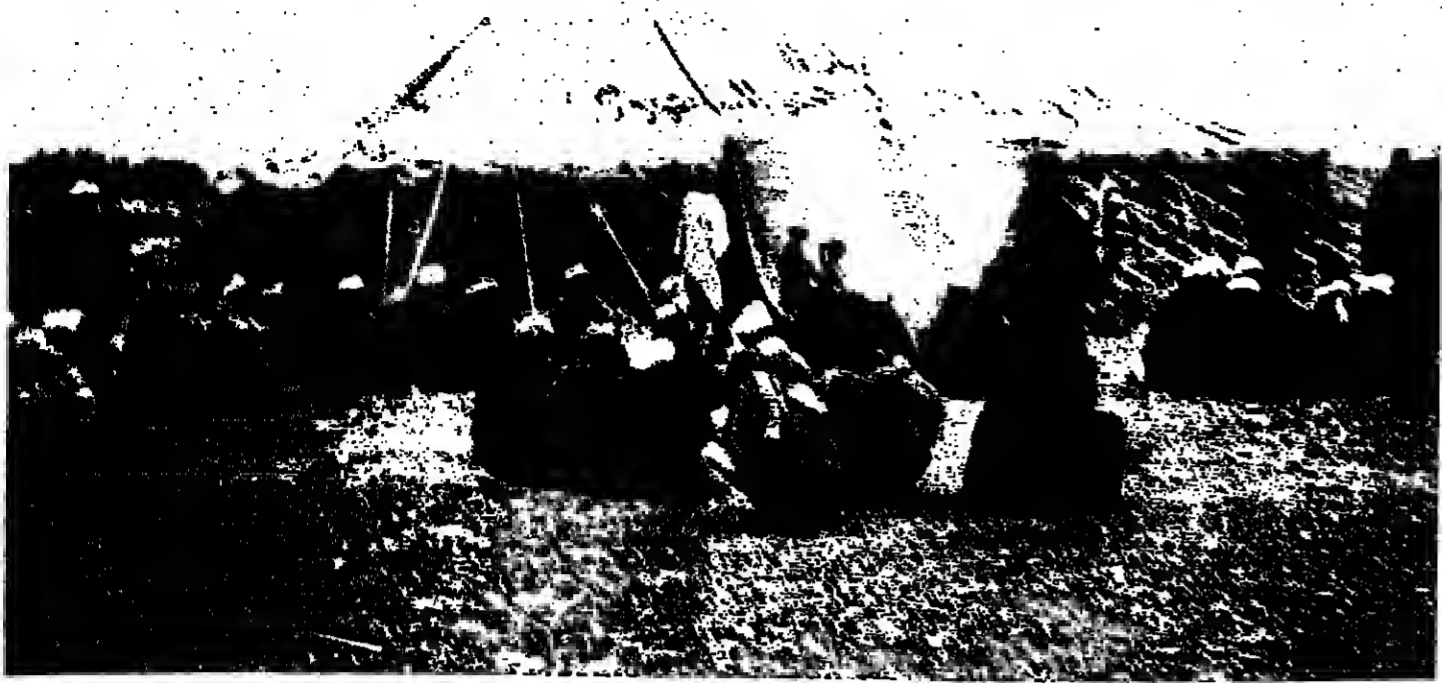
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HOSPITAL: Afghan refugees (left) in Pakistan squatting before a tent which serves as a hospital. Over a million Afghans have crossed over to Pakistan in the wake of the Soviet occupation of their country 13 months ago. Pakistan accepted them on humanitarian grounds and provided them with food and other daily necessities. An ambulance (right), donated by the Saudi Red Crescent, brings medical care to the refugees.



Kingdom extends helping hand

Caring for Afghan refugees

By Shahid Orakzi Arab News Correspondent

PESHAWAR — Bare-footed and in rags, Afghan children run toward a large tent as an ambulance speeds into the barren settlement with its sirens wailing. "Medicine... medicine", they go around shouting the good news to about 5,000 refugee families who have pegged their tents on this stony, uneven land down the Khyber hills, seven miles from Peshawar.

It is a rare sight to see so much of enthusiasm among children for medicines. Under normal conditions they would have protested the parent's decision to show them to a doctor — the man who gives severe "punishment" like an injection. But in the boring camp life, medical treatment has become a real fun for children, perhaps their only entertainment. They love to watch the doctor examine patients. The kids take sadistic pleasure in watching other people being given shots. The poor Afghan children run happily a few hundred meters just to have a close look at the shining new ambulance, a donation by the Saudi Red Crescent Society.

It is 11 o'clock in the morning, and for the past three hours dozens of women, children and the aged have been squatting outside the tent that houses the field hospital of the Saudi Red Crescent.

In the nearby firing range at Jamrud, Pakistan Air Force planes pound and strafe targets with bombs and rockets giving the atmosphere a military touch. The dust cloud rising from the firing range reminds the refugees of events in their real life of the moments when their peaceful villages were destroyed by Soviet bombers and low-flying

helicopter gunships. On the other side of the Khyber Pass it's not that easy to watch a plane diving to hit ground targets," says an Afghan refugee.

Everyone here had been waiting for Muhammad Asif Rahiyah, the young Afghan doctor in charge of the Saudi Red Crescent Hospital in the camp. His patients shadow him around trying to explain their problems but he advises them to wait till the medicines arrive. Naturally he can't afford to examine his patients twice, especially when he has to see about 400 of them every day.

The huge workload has forced him to resort to "symptomatic diagnosis" in which the patient may get the right medicine only if he is able to explain his problems and point at the symptoms of disease. Neither time nor resources allow the doctor to make a sufficient examination of patients, though they deserve it. As a young medical graduate, he still remembers the theories he was taught at the faculty of medicine at Kabul University.

The prevailing practices and standards are quite different. At times he feels disgusted which is quite natural for the youth. "People on top sometimes get annoyed with my pace of prescribing medicines. But what should I do. I can't advise my patients to just take simple water, even that is not clean."

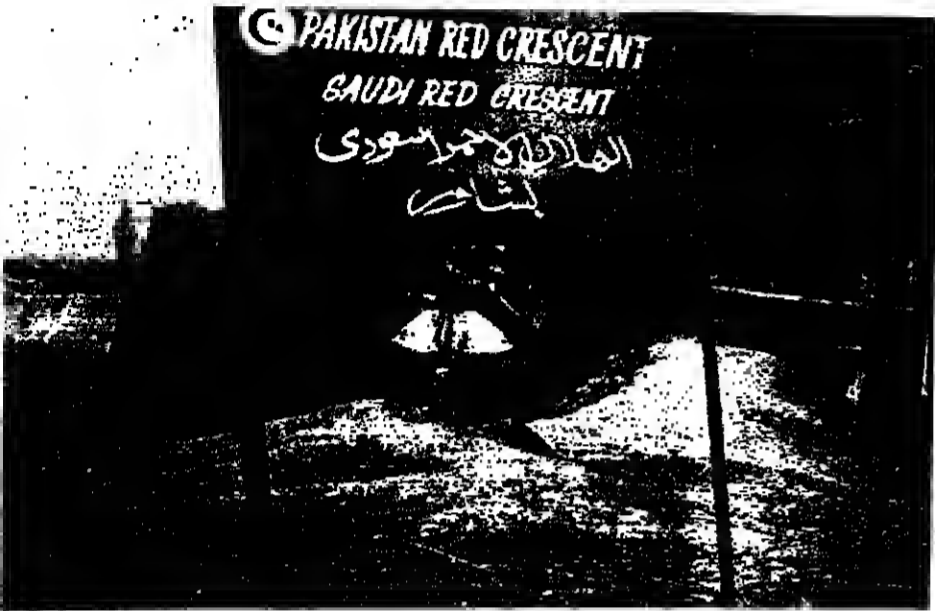
Though Dr. Rahiyah is not happy with the affairs of the refugee camps he is satisfied here more than he has been in that military hospital in Bamyan province. Most of his patients there were government soldiers wounded in battles with Mujahideen. At times the young doctor would think about the Mujahideen, who being poorly equipped, must have suffered greater injuries in the same battles. "I would keep thinking about the injuries suffered by the fighters and wonder if they were provided medical care," he recalls. The crisis developed within and grew acute till one day he made a decision, a decision common with all revolutionaries. He decided to side with the weaker party realising that the wounded Mujahideen and innocent victims of Soviet bombing deserved his attention more than government soldiers. He crossed over to Pakistan with his wife and a child.

The doctor took me around his small hospital, a huge tent with few curtain divisions. The only visible things were a table, a chair and a power generator that is seldom used.

"We are expecting to get some equipment to make it a hospital," he said. The basic requirement in his view was a small surgical unit that could enable him to perform minor surgeries inside the camp. He said the poor refugees were too lethargic about getting proper medical treatment and it is also beyond their means to go to Peshawar hospitals for minor problems. "I believe we can do it here in the camp."

The majority of his patients suffer from diarrhoea, gastro-enteritis and chest infections. They come from a country where health standard and facilities are very poor. Afghanistan had an average of six doctors per 100,000. With the Soviet invasion 70 per cent of doctors especially senior professors and surgeons, fled the country.

The remote Afghan mountain tribes had no access to modern medicine and their indigenous medical methods are not well developed either. As a result the majority of cases brought to hospitals in Peshawar are in chronic stages. Pakistani doctors estimate that at least 25 per cent of Afghan refugees suffer from tuberculosis. The Saudi Red Crescent, by opening five small hospitals in refugee camps, has extended a helping hand to the Pakistan Government.



TENTS: A view of the tents in which the refugees live.



DOCTOR: Muhammad Asif Rahiyah, an Afghan who left the country to serve the refugees (left). Above an aged Afghan sits before a refugee camp.



AGED: Three aged Afghans sit together with blankets to ward off the biting cold.

French restrictions may hit 2,000 varieties of apples

By Paul Webster

PARIS, (ONS) — A French Apple Eaters Association has launched a campaign to abilitate the forbidden fruit — 2,000 varieties of French apples that could disappear because officials are encouraging the golden delicious. Only 20 French apples, many of them of golden delicious origin, can be marketed in France under strict Ministry of Agriculture supervision. New strains of a big, low-skinned apple are now being developed by the ministry that could wipe out dozens of varieties with names like Belle Epoque, Reine des Glaces, and Saint Hubert whose commercial marketing is

technically forbidden. The French Natural History Museum has given its backing to the Association des Croqueurs des Pommes which is tracking down specimens of regional varieties identified by chairman Jean-Louis Choisel. An electronics engineer, Choisel recently produced a "Practical Guide to the Natural Orchard and Regional Fruit Varieties". Other members are producing an exhaustive catalogue, while expeditions search for apparently extinct trees that have survived in a forest corner or abandoned farm. The Natural History Museum's Raymond Pujol said that the ministry's policy outlawing regional varieties amounted to "ethnocide"

Traditionally popular apples were becoming extinct, he said. "Apples have special qualities depending on what they are going to be used for", he added, pointing out the obvious difference between an apple for cider and another for compote (stewed fruit). But French apple growers are already accelerating their production of the golden delicious which was not seen on a large scale here until the mid-1950s. The original plant comes from Maryland and should be grown at heights over 300 meters to produce its best flavor. Taste appears to be fairly unimportant in French marketing. Golden delicious sells well because of its uniform size and clear skin. There is also a good technical reason for

growing the apple: its stalk is strong, lessening the chance of windfalls. Private and government nurseries are now concentrating on developing new strains and hybrids that will increase the apple's profitability while rejecting work on other varieties which they think will not sell. At the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, France's experimental nursery, researchers say that many better-tasting apples have been produced but they will never be marketed because of natural blemishes. "We have no choice," a scientist said. "The producer wants beautiful apples, the customer wants beautiful apples and we have to give them what they want."

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**Gene Mayer struggles**

**Vijay downs Dibbs to stumble into final**

SALISBURY, Maryland, March 8 (AP) — Vijay Amritraj of India, advanced to the final of the \$200,000 World Championship Tennis Invitational Tournament here Saturday for the second year in a row by defeating Eddie Dibbs 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Amritraj will face either the winner of Saturday night's match between alternate Bill Scanlon and Spain's Manuel Orantes or Brian Teacher, who defeated Harold Solomon 6-3, 7-6.

Solomon finished the tournament with a 2-3 record while Teacher's victory boosted his showing to 3-2. Teacher awaited the results of the Orantes-Scanlon match that could determine whether he would enter the final against Amritraj.

Tournament officials said a point system would be used to determine who enters the final match if Scanlon lost to Orantes, who has not won a match in the round-robin tournament.

The final will be held on Sunday for the \$100,000 top prize. Amritraj's only loss in the tournament so far has been to Scanlon. The 28-year-old Indian played Scanlon for the first time ever and lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-3.

It was the fourth consecutive loss for Dibbs against Amritraj dating back to 1979. It was also the third time in this tournament that Amritraj had to come back after losing the first set.

In Denver, Gene Mayer fought his way to a final berth in the \$125,000 United Bank Tennis Classic, losing the first set after being rattled by two early miscalls and then settling down to defeat second-year pro Mel Purcell 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, here Saturday.

Mayer, the defending champion at this Volvo Grand Prix tour stop, built a 3-2 lead in the opening set, but lost his service to Purcell in the sixth game, and then dropped the seventh at love after arguing with the judge over a Purcell serve.

Then Purcell broke service again in the

eight game when Mayer disputed another serve he said should have been a let. With his normally erratic serve staying on target, Purcell held on to win the set 6-3.

But Mayer, as if to prove he still held the edge over the less experienced Purcell, took an overhead on a ball that came out of the rafters and whistled it past his opponent's ear to ice the first game of the second set.

Setting the tone for the rest of the match, he broke service in the second game and held on to take the set. In the third set, Mayer got a service break in the first game as Purcell took his turn at sparring with the official and drew a bad conduct warning.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and third-seeded Andrea Jaeger scored semifinal victories Saturday night to advance to the final of the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Los Angeles.

Navratilova eliminated unseeded Bettina Bunge 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 after the 15-year-old Jaeger topped sixth-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany 6-4, 6-3.

Navratilova and Jaeger will square off Sunday afternoon for the singles championship of the women's tennis tournament and the \$30,000 first prize. The loser will earn \$15,000.

Navratilova needed an hour and 44 minutes to eliminate the 17-year-old Bunge. Navratilova controlled the final set and recorded the only two service breaks of the set, in the fourth and last games. Bunge had taken a 4-0 lead on her way to victory in the second set.

Meanwhile, fourth-seeded Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia and sixth-seeded Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa scored semifinal victories Saturday night in the \$30,000 Avon Futures of Las Vegas Women's Tennis Tournament.

Budarova and Vermaak will meet on Sunday at the Cambridge Racquet Club for the singles championship. The winner will earn \$3,500.



**KIDNAPPED:** Enrique "Quini" Castro poses with his sons before the First Division match against Hercules (Alicante). The Spanish League top-scorer was reported kidnapped two hours after the match.

**For soccer star**

**Barcelona to pay ransom**

MADRID, March 8 (R) — The Barcelona football club will pay a ransom for World Cup star Enrique "Quini" Castro and is waiting for instructions from his kidnapers on how the money is to be handed over, club officials said Saturday.

Barcelona coach Helenio Herrera would not tell a news conference how much had been demanded for the release of the 31-year-old star who disappeared last Sunday. Press reports have put the ransom at 100 million pesetas (\$1.2 million).

"Barcelona will pay what they (the kidnapers) demand and would even give its stadium. They can be assured that we are not going to haggle," club vice-president Nicolas Casaus said.

Mr. Casaus said the abductors were common criminals and the kidnapping had no

political or sports motives. Police have discarded as a hoax a claim from a previously unknown group that the top scorer in the Spanish League was kidnapped to prevent Barcelona from winning the league.

Meanwhile a team official said that, Castro has counselled his teammates to proceed with their league tie against Atletico Madrid Sunday in a tape recording.

Nicolau Casaus said in a press conference that a recording of Quini's voice had reached the club offices, but declined to reveal how.

Casaus said Quini told the team to go ahead with Sunday's match "because whatever happens I will be with you on that day." Quini also said he was being well-treated by his kidnapers and was sure he would soon be set free, Casaus reported.

**Britons back to the fore**

HARTFORD, Connecticut, March 8 (AFP) — After 12 years in the wings the British have taken center stage again when policeman Christopher Dean, 22, and secretary Jayne Torvill, 23, won the ice dance title at the World Figure Skating Championships here Saturday night.

Their triumph recalled the days of their compatriots Diana Towler and Bernard Ford who were champions in 1966 and 1969 and held the British title from 1952 to 1960.

The couple demonstrated their extraordinary mastery of skating and danced in perfect harmony to glide ahead in the compulsory which they led from the first compulsory dance.

American champions Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert lost their chance of a third place after a fall and finished fourth. Their slip allowed Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin of the Soviet Union to climb into third place.

Meanwhile, despite projected expenses the sponsors of the championships said they

expect to make a net profit of \$1 million from the six-day event.

The skating club of Hartford, the International Skating Union and the U.S. Figure Skating Association will share about two-thirds of the profit, according to Paul T. Bourdeau, co-chairman of the championships' organizing committee.

He said the City of Hartford, owner of the Civil Center Coliseum, would get the remaining one-third. The championships were to conclude Sunday.

Bourdeau did not reveal what share of the profits each skating group would receive, but others said the issue would receive the largest share.

"Our profit (the local skating club) is not that great when you take into consideration that 800 volunteers worked long hours" to prepare, Bourdeau said.

Included among the sponsors' expenses are accommodations for skater and team captains, advertising, souvenirs for resale and arena rental.

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**Davis Cup round-up**  
**U.S., Italy concede lead**

LONDON, March 8 (Agencies) — Italy, one of the most consistent Davis Cup teams of the last decade, faced elimination from this year's competition Saturday when they dropped the doubles to England to fall 2-1 behind in their first round tie.

Andrew Jarrett and Jonathan Smith, who had not represented their country in the competition before, scored a three-hour 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 triumph over the ace Italian combination of Adriano Panatta and Paolo Bertolucci.

In Carlsbad, California, Raul Ramirez teamed with 17-year-old Jorge Ozano to defeat Marty Rissesen and Sherwood Stewart 6-4, 3-6, 9-7, 0-6, 6-3 and give Mexico a 2-1 advantage over the United States.

Mexico has to win one of the final two singles matches Sunday as Lozano opens up against Roscoe Tanner and Ramirez faces John McEnroe at the Lacosta Hotel and SPA Sitegn in an effort to advance to the second round.

Ramirez, Mexico's best player, was playing in his second straight five-set match after having evened the competition at 1-all Friday by besting Tanner in a tiring contest.

In Yokohama, Sweden trounced Japan 5-0. In Sunday's singles matches, Per Hjertquist beat Japan's top ranking player, Tsuyoshi Fukui, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 in the first match and veteran Kjell Johansson whipped Japan's Shigeyuki Nishio 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the fourth and final match.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, India advanced when it beat Indonesia 3-2. Sashi Menon defeated Indonesia's top singles player Yustedjo Tarik 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 in the fourth game of the best-of-five series. India gave Indonesia the fifth game by a walk-over.

In Bogota, Colombia Chile defeated Colombia in the doubles seizing a 2-1 advantage. Hans Gildemeister and Belous Prajoux took an hour and 45 minutes to defeat Jairo Velasco and Alejandro Cortes, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 at the American tennis club's coliseum.

In Bucharest, Romania took a 2-1 lead over Brazil in as doubles partners Floren Segarceanu and Andrei Dyrzu defeated Brazilian pair Thomas Koch and Carlos Kirmayr 0-6, 8-6, 6-4, 7-5.

In Seoul, New Zealand completed a 5-0 win over South Korea. Chris Lewis beat Jeon Chang Dae 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 and Russell Simpson defeated Jeon Young-Gia 6-2, 8-6, 6-0.

In Munich, Argentina lead West Germany 2-1 Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc (Argentina) beat Rolf Gerhring and Christoph Ziff (West Germany) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. In Lyons, France, Australia lead France 2-1. Mark Edmondson and Kim Warwick (Australia) beat Yannick Noah and Pascal Portes 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.

**Algeria champs**

AMMAN, March 8 (R) — North African countries and Sudan dominated the annual Inter-Arah Cross Country Championships Friday by winning all the individual and team events.

Ojudeh of Sudan won the men's 11-kilometers race in 35 minutes 53 seconds followed by Abdul Nour Al-Hashimi of Algeria and Abdul-Aziz Bukrah of Tunisia.

Aldrami Al-Husseinih of Morocco finished first in the women's four kilometer event, ahead of Latifa Al-Drawish of Tunisia and Ould Shameh Khaddoush of Morocco. Algeria won the men's team title and Morocco took the women's team event.

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Thijssen nets late equalizer

Ipswich holds Forest in thriller

LONDON, March 8 (AFP) — Ipswich Town kept their dreams of a unique treble alive, despite throwing away a two-goal lead in a pulsating English F.A. Cup quarterfinal at Nottingham Forest Saturday.

Moriner opened the scoring, after a mistake by Forest's England defender Viv Anderson, who then headed into his own net leaving his side with a seemingly hopeless task.

There was no surrender by Forest's batlers, however, who went into the lead with goals from England's Trevor Francis, Colin Walsh and Scotland's John Robertson (penalty) and held on until nine minutes from time, when Thijssen spoiled their day.

quarterfinals also ended all square. Tottenham Hotspurs were the only winners, ending Third Division Exeter City's magnificent Cup run with a 2-nil victory home.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, without an away win, did themselves proud to earn a one-all draw at Middlesbrough, who were warmly fancied to reach the last four for the first time.

Soccer Results

- English F.A. Cup quarter-finals
Middlesbrough 1 Wolverhampton 1
Nottingham Forest 3 Ipswich 3
Everton 2 Manchester City 2
Tottenham 2 Exeter 0



DASH: Tottenham's Oswaldo Ardis (left) and John Sparrow of Exeter make a dash for the ball in the English F.A. Cup quarterfinal match Saturday. Tottenham won the encounter 2-0.

Debutant Rose helps England to victory

PARIS, March 7 (AFP) — France, who beat Wales 19-15 in a dour, scrappy match in Paris, and England, who triumphed 10-6 in Dublin, clash at Twickenham on March 21 to decide the overall winners of the five-nations Rugby Union Championship.



CLEAR: England's Clive Woodward races clear of the Scottish defense to score the first try for England during the England vs Scotland Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham recently. The victory — 23 points to 17 — in favor of England, was achieved by a goal, two tries and three penalty goals to Scotland's goal, two tries and one penalty goal.

Limon to defend title against Boza-Edwards

STOCKTON, California, March 8 (AP) — Mexico's Rafael "Bazooka" Limon will defend his World Boxing Council super featherweight title Sunday in the first championship fight in the history of Stockton.

years in the 130-pound (58 kilo) division, also known as junior bightweight, before deciding to pursue the lightweight championship. He has beaten Limon and Boza-Edwards.

kilogram) title he won from Juan Guzman of the Dominican Republic by a seventh round knockout in Tokyo on Oct. 10, 1976.

Fans demonstrate

DUBLIN, March 8 (AFP) — More than 3,000 people demonstrated before Ireland's Five-Nation Championship match with England at Lansdowne road here Saturday in protest of Ireland's forthcoming Rugby Union tour of South Africa.

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PEKING, (AP) — New York's "C" team upset New York's "A" team, which includes three world champion players, 12-8 Saturday in a first-round match of the Shanghai International Bridge Tournament, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Three teams scored the maximum possible 20 points in first-round matches, Xinhua said.

It was announced in Kuala Lumpur, that seventy boxers from Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, India, Australia, Burma, Brunei, Hong Kong, Thailand, The Philippines, Japan and Malaysia will participate in the Malaysian Amateur Open Boxing Championship to be held here April 21-29, Assistant Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Abang Haji Ahmad, said Saturday.

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In Inverrary Golf
Curtis Strange wrests commanding 4-shot lead

FLORIDA, March 8 (AP) — Curtis Strange, exhibiting the sure, steady game that won him two titles last year, fired a no-bogey, 6-under-par 66 and took a commanding, four-shot lead Saturday in the third round of the \$300,000 American Motors Inverrary Golf Classic.

The 1982 tournament has been awarded to Pebble Beach Golf links in Pebble Beach, California, while the Open Championships in 1984 and 1985 will be played at Winged Foot Golf Club in Namaroneck, New York, and Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham, Michigan, respectively.

Strange, 27 and one of the new wave of stars moving to the front rank of the games had a 54-hole total of 201, 15 strokes under par on the 7,129-yard Inverrary Golf Club Course.

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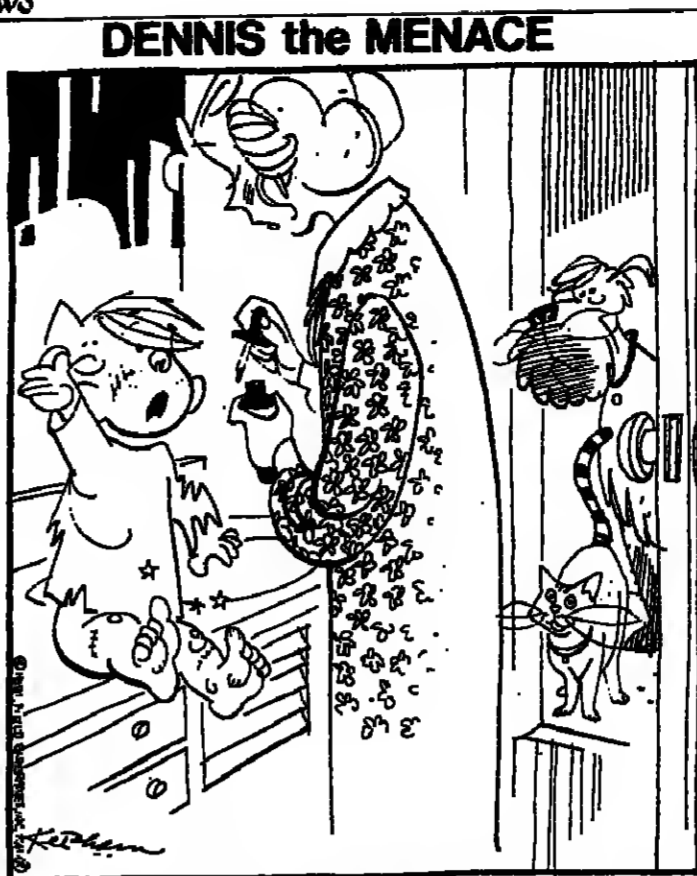
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 ♣ K Q 10 6 3

**EAST**  
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 ♦ A 7 6  
 ♣ A 8 4

**WEST**  
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 ♥ 7 5 4  
 ♦ Q 9 4  
 ♣ J 9 7 2

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 ♥ A J  
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 ♣ 5

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 ♦ 9  
 ♣ J 9 7 2

**East**  
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**South**  
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**Your Individual Horoscope**

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Try to cut down on expenses. Watch arguments about bills. Financial affairs are likely to be complicated now. Safeguard possessions.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)

It may be difficult to concentrate now. Watch judgment regarding job-related decisions. You're inclined to be a bit careless.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)

Sidestep clandestine involvements. Don't let a romantic situation get you down. Your feelings are liable to fluctuate now.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)

You could over-extend yourself socially. Cut down on appointments. The problems of others could interfere with progress.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Career negotiations are complicated. It will be hard to get much accomplished. It's not a favorable time for signing papers.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You're prone to ask too many people for advice, with the end result of becoming un-

sure of yourself. Be careful of excess expenditures.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You're inclined to be indecisive. A change of events makes you uncertain as to where you stand. Don't take others for granted.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Interpersonal relationships are trying now. Despite much discussion, you may get little accomplished in the way of agreement.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A friend may renege on a promise, or you may be careless about keeping an appointment. You're easily distracted on the job.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Don't mix business with pleasure. Spending money in an effort to impress others is the wrong approach. Avoid extravagant displays.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Household expenses could mount up now. Plans for travel are subject to change. Watch out for mix-ups in communication.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

The picture changes rapidly regarding a business or money transaction. Be cautious. Realize that not everything is what it seems to be.

**Crossword** by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

- Show approval
- Culinary expert
- Arab seaport
- Nuisance
- Boxed
- Type of tire
- Rosary beads
- Loath
- Toothed
- Greek letter
- "Of Mice and Men"
- Luis Obispo, Ca.
- Plant louse
- Transport
- Thick soup
- Very (mus.)
- Word with monger
- Bequest recipient
- Legendary bird
- Allot
- Irish exclamation
- Branch of biology
- Pacific atoll of WWII fame
- Before mated
- Late news hour
- Fasten
- Scout

**DOWN**

- African lake
- Subsist
- Arab seaport
- Nuisance
- Boxed
- Shelter
- Dutch township
- "Hot" store event
- Phoenician love goddess
- Shed
- Staff
- French friend
- 20 of the dawn system
- 21 Obtained
- 22 Biddy girl
- 23 - brio
- 24 Plunder
- 25 Film sleuth
- 27 Pour off
- 28 of the undergroum
- 29 Highlands
- 30 Olive genus
- 31 U.S. agent
- 35 Eli strongho
- 37 An ex-Room

**Saturday's Answer**

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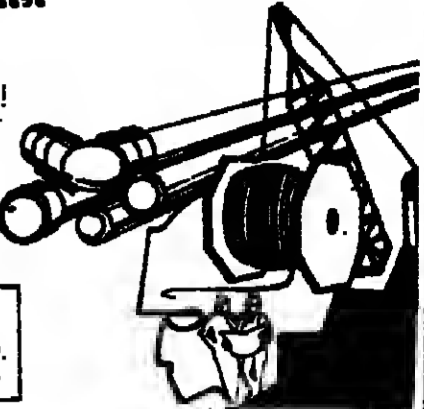
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## Polish union urges talks today

### Students gather at campus



Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski

**WARSAW, March 8 (AP)** — Leaders of the independent union Solidarity on Sunday called for talks with the government after a meeting that dealt with reported harassment of some union members and an apparent crackdown on dissidents.

The conciliatory communique called for reinstatement of five workers in Lodz who were fired, an issue that has prompted the union chapter there to call for a warning strike on Tuesday that is to develop in stages into a shutdown of industries in the entire province, according to an earlier union report.

Union leaders said the talks should focus on enforcement of last summer's strike-ending agreements regarding guarantees against "imprisonment of people for their views and anti-trade union reprisals."

"If the security of the union will not be guaranteed, the social peace (of Poland) will be threatened," the communique said, omitting any reference to strikes.

There are now eight dissidents in jail of whom four were indicted last Friday for seeking the violent overthrow of Poland's Communist system. The communique did not name any of the dissidents.

A union member told reporters after Sunday's meeting that Solidarity expected talks



Polish labor leader Lech Walesa

Monday between Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski, and their leader Lech Walesa.

The member said that Walesa was waiting for an invitation from the prime minister for a meeting. The mild tone of the communique was meant to help the talks and leave both sides flexibility in negotiating controversial issues, he added.

Meanwhile, students carrying umbrellas and raincoats gathered on the rain-soaked city campus of the University of Warsaw to commemorate a month of riots that began there 13 years ago.

There were unconfirmed reports that another demonstration would be held two miles away in front of a building once occupied by the Stalinist-era security services to remember the "victims of Stalinism."

Among the speakers expected to address students Sunday is Jacek Kuron, leader of the

dissident Committee for Social Self-Defense (KOR) and a top Solidarity adviser. He and fellow KOR member Adam Michnik were visited by police with summonses last week, and Kuron was detained for five hours to hear new charges filed against him. Michnik refused the summons, saying it was not complete.

The student commemorations came amid heightened tensions following a toughly worded Soviet communique last week calling on Polish leaders to end dissidence and labor unrest.

A spokesman for the Solidarity chapter in Lodz said the local would have no response to the communique, and will "stick to our previous statement." The strike action concerns the firing of five Solidarity members who worked at a Lodz hospital belonging to the interior ministry.

## Reagan flies to Canada tomorrow

**WASHINGTON, March 8 (R)** — President Ronald Reagan flies to Ottawa Tuesday for a goodwill visit expected to stress traditional U.S.-Canadian friendship but produce no early solutions to longstanding economic disputes. Reagan, making his first foreign trip as president, will meet Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau Tuesday and address the Canadian parliament Wednesday before returning to Washington.

His main goals are to become acquainted with Trudeau, whom he has not met, try to pave the way for solving U.S.-Canadian problems, and begin consultations with another allied leader. Reagan has already conferred with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet on strains in East-West détente and other international issues.

Monday, on the eve of his visit to Ottawa, he will meet West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to discuss, among other topics, Germany's desire to see an improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Although bilateral relations will be discussed at length, the president and Trudeau intend to cover other problems of vital concern to the security and welfare of their countries. These issues include El Salvador and Canada's criticism of U.S. arms aid to the central American country, stalled peace negotiations in the Middle East and East-West relations.

Officials said the president intended to review the situation in the Gulf, marked by the Iraq-Iran war, Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and threats to world oil supplies, but would not press Trudeau to endorse a U.S. proposal for a multilateral naval force in the region.

Most of the detailed exchanges on fishing rights, the environmental impact of U.S. pollution on Canada and Canada's energy program will be conducted by Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other senior U.S. officials with their Canadian counterparts. This will leave Reagan and Trudeau free to discuss overall strategy and create an atmosphere that could help their ministers in finding solutions to bilateral problems.

Reagan told a press conference Friday he was trying to build a strong relationship among the United States, Canada and Mexico, which he described as the "three big countries" in the Western hemisphere. But Reagan, who will meet Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo at the end of April, said he doubted whether an agreement would be reached with Trudeau to settle fishing and other disputes with Canada.

The fishing treaties were signed nearly two years ago but not ratified by the U.S. Senate.

## Against Viets

### Sihanouk seeks U.S. help



Prince Norodom Sihanouk

**PYONGYANG, March 8 (AFP)** — Former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk said here Sunday he expects to ask the United States for military support for an independent "Sihanoukist" force, whatever the outcome of forthcoming negotiations on a proposed anti-Vietnamese opposition coalition.

The negotiations, in this North Korean capital where the prince has a home-in-exile, are expected with the Khmer Rouge, ousted from Phnom Penh two years ago by Vietnamese troops which back Kampuchea's present Heng Samrin regime.

Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, who flew from Bangkok to Peking Saturday is expected here, though the date of his arrival was not known Sunday. (In Peking Saturday, he conferred with Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang).

Prince Sihanouk, who proposed the anti-Vietnamese coalition earlier this year, told this correspondent he would seek U.S. military aid even if the negotiations with the Khmer Rouge failed. He has already made Chinese military assistance a condition of association with the Khmer Rouge, his old enemies, and commented, "aid is better from two sources than one."

Prince Sihanouk said the resistance force owing him allegiance in Kampuchea, the "Moulinaka" Kampuchea National Liberation Movement, at present had 2,000 men, with external aid could "immediately reach 20,000 men," and eventually could have as many as 100,000.

Outlining his "personal" position on an anti-Vietnamese coalition's aims, Prince Sihanouk said he felt it "would not be

reasonable" to intend overcoming the 200,000-strong Vietnamese army in Kampuchea, although he recognized this would not be the Khmer Rouge and Chinese position.

China backs the armed struggle of some 30,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas which make up the main body of the resistance forces operating in Kampuchea. Prince Sihanouk said he thought it would be necessary to "barass the Vietnamese occupier, forcing him eventually to sit down at the conference table to work out an honorable compromise under which Vietnam would give Kampuchea its independence. We could for our part, accept that the pro-Vietnamese party of Heng Samrin take part in general elections organized under international control."

## 26 die as truck hits Taipei train

**TAIPEI, March 8 (AFP)** — A gravel lorry hit a northbound train Sunday throwing five carriages down to a river killing at least 26 persons and injuring 110, half of them seriously. Police said the incident occurred at 11:30 a.m. near Hsinchu, some 69 kms southwest of Taipei.

The truck driver died instantly when the train hit it as it rushed through an open railway crossing in the countryside. The train, which had its engine at the tail, was moving onto a bridge, when it hit the truck. The derailed carriages plunged to the river below.

### Iraqi troops claim highest Iranian toll

**BEIRUT, March 8 (R)** — Iraq has claimed it has inflicted on Iran one of the highest daily death tolls in the Gulf War, the official Iraqi news agency reported. In 24 hours, Iraqi forces had killed 292 Iranian soldiers on major battle fronts, the agency quoted an Iraqi high command communique as saying Saturday.

The communique said 203 Iranian soldiers were killed in a fierce battle in western Kermanshah province in which all types of weapons were used. The Iraqis also destroyed four tanks and two vehicles.

It also said Iraqi troops had made a night raid on Kharg Island, as well as on Dezful, in Khuzestan province.

## In defense budget U.S. opts for large ships

**WASHINGTON, March 8 (R)** — President Ronald Reagan's new military spending proposals have caused another great naval battle, not for control of the high seas but over the size of the U.S. navy's future ships.

The argument is between those who want the navy to build ships of enormous size and cost — not less than 40,000 tons — and those who prefer a greater number of ships that are merely huge. The president's proposals appeared to tip the balance in favor of the large ship advocates. His \$222 billion Pentagon spending plan was intended to set the United States on its way to a 600-ship navy with 15 battle groups led by nuclear-powered aircraft carriers.

A year after former President Jimmy Carter reluctantly agreed to a fifth battle carrier, Reagan proposed yet another, now estimated to cost \$3.7 billion without its planes or support ships. Pentagon officials said a single battle group would cost about \$17 billion by the time the sixth carrier was in service eight to ten years from now.

While the new carriers are being built Reagan asked for money to reactivate two World War II battleships, 45,000-ton behemoths that have not seen service for more than 30 years. His proposals, described by Navy Secretary John Lehman as the first signs of a major shift in naval strategy, brought

cries of protest from the small-ship advocates in Congress.

One of their leading spokesmen, Colorado Sen. Gary Hart, took the floor Thursday to tell a nearly empty chamber that the navy needed more vessels — smaller and cheaper — to fulfill its far-flung obligations. Only one out of three carriers were on duty at any one time, with the others in port or undergoing repairs, he said. The navy would, therefore, need nine new battle groups to keep 15 deployed in place of the current 12.

Reagan and Lehman proposed.

In an age when the Soviet Union, like the United States, is capable of hitting ships with powerful nuclear warheads fired from thousands of kilometers away, the larger carriers and battleships would be sitting ducks, he said.

Lehman strongly disputed this, saying that "in an all-out nuclear war, the biggest ships are the least vulnerable."

The United States could not afford the best defensive technology, such as advanced missile cruisers at the cost of \$1 billion each, to escort the small carriers that Sen. Hart wanted, Lehman said.

Smaller ships were also more vulnerable to the blast effects of a nuclear near-miss; although even the biggest carrier or battleships would be destroyed by a direct hit.

## E. Germans fire on British plane

**LONDON, March 8 (AP)** — A Royal Air Force C-130 transport was hit when East German forces fired on it during a flight across the Communist state to Berlin, British newspapers reported Sunday. The papers said the incident occurred two weeks ago. The defense ministry here declined comment on the report, but said it is investigating.

A spokesman noted that no RAF planes have strayed outside the air corridor linking western Europe with Berlin. The Foreign Office also declined comment on reports the British government has made a strong protest to the East German regime.

## Russia reiterates call for summit, SALT talks

**MOSCOW, March 8 (AP)** — A commentary published Sunday in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* restated Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's call for a summit meeting with President Reagan and for the resumption of Soviet-U.S. strategic arms talks.

It urged Washington to "take a realistic view of things" and asked for "negotiations on the entire complex of problems."

"To dream of a win in the arms race and to count on a win in a nuclear war is dangerous madness," the article said.

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